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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on November 1, 2002.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 38 without prejudice, REPLACE claims 37 and 39-41 and ADD new claims 46-55 in accordance with the following:

37. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, characterized in that a translucent polyhedron containing therein a whole or a part of the three-dimensional shape model is also displayed, wherein at least a depth of a control point on the three-dimensional shape model is controlled in accordance with a position of the translucent polyhedron. /

39. (ONCE AMENDED) The method of displaying a three-dimensional shape model according to claim 37, wherein a color of said polyhedron is determined based on a background color of the two-

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